

The World of Wheat

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Some are taking a gloomy view of the future of the prairie wheat industry. For myself, however, I feel optimistic, and here are some of the reasons:

1. Methods have now been found that will permit flour to be "fortified" with the precious vitamin E. This will make bread more nutritious and should lead, of course, to increased bread consumption.

2. World population is steadily increasing at the rate of about 1 per cent per annum. This should call for an increased wheat consumption of at least 50 million bushels each year.

3. During the past twenty years the great trade routes of the world have been cluttered up with high tariffs and other man-made artificial restrictions which have prevented many people who need Canadian wheat from buying it. The world has had its fill of this so-called "New Order" and will, I believe, after this war revert to the good "Old Order" of much freer international trade, and so to better fed and more satisfied people. When the stupid harmful trade-strangling tariffs—set up by Canada and other countries—are cleared away, then most definitely demands for wheat will increase, surpluses will disappear, wheat prices will rise and, because foreign goods will come into Canada more freely, then the cost of the "things farmers have to buy" will be reduced.

MILITARY WHIST DRIVE

The C.C.F. are putting on a whist drive in Hedley's hall on Saturday, January 10th. Admission 25c each.

GAMBLE-GRIFFITHSON

Mrs. R. W. Griffithson announces the marriage of her daughter, Margaret May, to Corporal W. Alastair Gamble, Royal Canadian Air Force, Winnipeg, formerly of Wetaskiwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gamble of Delburne, on New Year's day. Rev. Frederick W. Locke of Calgary officiated. —Edmonton Journal.

Irma folks will readily recognize the above groom as Alie Gamble, formerly of the Bank of Montreal staff and Tuxis leader in Irma several years ago. Irma friends wish Mr. and Mrs. Gamble many years of happy married life.

W.I. MEETING

The regular meeting of the Irma W.I. was held Thursday, January 2, in Hedley's hall. There were 16 members and 5 visitors present. Mrs. Arnold, 1st vice-president, was in the chair. Roll call was answered by "Your New Year's Resolution." The sewing committee for 1941 was appointed, Mrs. L. Peterson, Mrs. A. Senger, Mrs. E. Sanders. The raffle was won by Miss Irma Tweedie. The hostesses, Mrs. Percy Jones, Mrs. Pryor Jones, Mrs. McFarland, served a delicious lunch. The meeting closed with the singing of "God Save the King."

The L.T.L. held their first social gathering of the year last Friday afternoon. Games, stories and lunch filled the time. These meetings have been necessarily suspended for a time due to illness on the part of the leader. Arrangements are planned now, however, to continue them regularly. Next meeting will be held Friday, January 17, immediately after school. Social meeting January 31 in honor of those members whose birthday is in January.

IRMA JOINS GAS LINE LEAGUE

IRMA SENIOR HOCKEY CLUB
HOLDS ORGANIZATION MEETING

(An organization meeting of the Irma senior hockey club was held in Hedley's hall on Tuesday evening, January 7th. Mr. A. C. Milne was elected manager and Mr. Frank Maguire captain. It was decided after counting up the number of available players that they would enter a team in the Gas Line league, this year a four-team league. Ryley, Holden, Viking and Irma.

The management figures they have a good lineup and should stand a good chance with the other teams. Of course the successful operation of a hockey league depends on the financial support received and the Irma club appeals to everyone who enjoys good clean sport to support them this season. You may depend on it, the boys will do their best in each and every game. Without your support the team will have to quit. Give the local boys a chance at all risks. The first game on Irma ice will be between Ryley and Irma on Saturday evening, January 11th at the usual time, 8:15 o'clock.

The Irma team plays at Holden on Thursday evening, January 9, after which a meeting of the league officials will be held to arrange a schedule. When possible, games will be announced over C.M.B. Sportscycle at noon. We'll be seeing you.

CHOPPING DONE—At my farm, 1 mile north of Irma, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Chas. Pyle. 10p

LOST—In Irma about December 1st, 1940, a cardboard box containing snapshots, including two of a soldier, one of them autographed. Finder please notify: Mrs. T. J. Wilford, 11423 108 Ave., Edmonton; or the Times office, Irma. 10c

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The Recommendations of Rowell-Sirois Commission

Of vast importance to the Dominion of Canada and its component provinces and Territories are the recommendations contained in the Rowell-Sirois Commission report. This commission spent months examining the Dominion-provincial relations, which admittedly have been unsatisfactory for several years and the recommendations made are to be considered at a conference to be held in Ottawa in January. A well-known writer on public matters, Mr. T. B. Windross of Edmonton, has prepared a series of five articles on the subject of which the following is Nos. 3, 4 and 5:

Article 3

Substantial benefits will accrue to Alberta if recommendations of the Rowell-Sirois commission are implemented. Provincial authority in various fields will be strengthened and clarified, but the major benefits are financial in character. These are:

1. There will be marked improvement in the financial position of the province. On the basis of 1937 figures the province will have a clear surplus of \$2.5 millions.

2. On the basis of full payment of interest on Alberta bonds the gain to the provincial government is \$2.6 millions. But succession duties in 1937 were \$1 million higher than normal and no provision was made for sinking funds (formerly \$700,000). Adjustment for these items increases the financial advantage to the Alberta government to \$5.3 millions.

3. Municipalities will be relieved of relief expenditures which cost them over \$1 million in 1937. On this basis of 1937 figures the municipalities will have a surplus of \$1.5 millions, or roughly 7 1/2 per cent of their expenditures.

4. Alberta's education and welfare services could be restored to pre-depression levels and at the same time real estate taxation could be reduced.

5. Adjustment of the default on Alberta bonds refunding of the provincial debt and restoration of the credit of the province would be achieved.

Considerable importance is attached by the commission to the restoration of Alberta's credit since, in its view, the present lack of credit is hampering Alberta's economic progress. The report points out that the outlook for Alberta is promising and that the province is still at the stage when, under normal conditions, one would expect large scale capital investment and rapid expansion.

In this connection the report states: "Because of the possibilities which exist to increase income and welfare generally in Alberta if new capital investment is made, it is of common concern to re-establish Alberta's credit and to provide conditions which will inspire investors with confidence."

There is another financial advantage to Alberta which should not be overlooked. No longer will the province and municipalities be burdened with relief costs. Moreover, the provincial government will be assured of sufficient revenues to give additional help to municipalities and to maintain its service at the average level for Canada even in times of depression.

A subsidiary proposal of the commission which is of interest to the people of Alberta is that dealing with market legislation. Present jurisdiction over marketing is far from clear and in the past there has been a great deal of confusion in regard to this problem. Neither the Dominion or provincial governments have been able to deal effectively with it. The commission suggests concurrent jurisdiction which would leave with the provinces control of marketing of products entering into local consumption, whereas Dominion legislation with marketing of commodities entering largely into inter-provincial and foreign trade. A suitable alternative to this, the report suggests, would be to create a power for the Dominion and a province to delegate full authority one to the other to legislate concerning certain phases of marketing.

Article 4

A direct and immediate result of implementation of the Rowell-Sirois report will be lower municipal taxes on real estate.

One of the major recommendations of the commission provided for the assumption by the Dominion government of the entire cost of relief to unemployed employables. This item alone, on the basis of 1937 figures, would mean a saving to municipalities throughout Canada of \$20 millions, or 8 per cent of the real property tax.

The saving to Alberta municipalities is slightly over \$1 million, or 7 1/2 per cent of their total expenditures. But this is not the only assistance to municipalities contemplated by the report. True, the commission makes no other proposal for direct assistance to municipalities, since the latter are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the provinces. However, its recommendations were devised to put the provinces in a financial position to render greater aid to municipalities. In this connection it suggests that the provincial governments might make larger grants to municipalities or assume a larger part of the cost of those education and welfare services now shared with the municipalities.

Adoption of the report would improve the budget position of the Alberta government. On the basis of 1937 figures the province would have a clear surplus of \$2.5 millions which it could use to restore education and welfare services to the 1929 level, to give greater assistance to municipalities and to reduce taxation. This would be in addition to the reduction in real estate taxation which would result from the surplus of over \$1.5 millions which the municipalities would have as a result of being relieved of the cost of aid to the unemployed.

Not only would there be an immediate financial gain to municipalities and the real estate tax payer, but benefits would accrue to them in the future. Unemployment may again develop on a large scale in the period of readjustment following the war. But, if the report is adopted, municipalities will not be burdened with heavy relief costs as in the past depression.

Then, again, the inefficiency and waste in relief administration arising out of the divided jurisdiction over relief will be abolished. A serious source of friction between the Dominion, provincial and municipal governments will also be removed. Furthermore, it will be possible to administer relief on a uniform basis throughout the Dominion.

The commission also believed that elimination of divided jurisdiction would make possible a co-ordinated program on the part of the Dominion government to solve the problem of unemployment. Its public works program and economic and monetary policy could then be directed to that purpose. In brief, it was the opinion of the commission that a national problem such as unemployment could only be met by a national attack.

Article 5

The philosophy underlying the recommendations of the Rowell-Sirois commission is equality of treatment for citizens of all provinces.

It was with this in view that the commission designed its recommendations. Two and a half years of study of the problems confronting Canada convinced the commission that there are many injustices and inequalities in Canada's present governmental, economic and financial structure. It devised its report to cure these.

The commission found that some provinces and areas are threatened with the insolvency and that the burden of government is evenly distributed. Because of the change in the economic conditions, most provinces are faced with a burden of services which they have not the financial resources to carry due to limited taxation powers. Recommendations of the commission, if adopted, will change this situation. The

provinces will be relieved of the heavy costs of relief and of the dead-weight burden of debt service and will be assured of sufficient revenues to maintain normal services.

The assurance of sufficient revenues, through National Adjustment Grants, to enable every province to provide educational and social services on a national average of quality is important. This provision recognizes that every Canadian no matter what province he or she may live in, is entitled to the benefits of a minimum standard of services. Thus, if the report is adopted, education and welfare services in Alberta will be just as good as those of Ontario.

In the past, adverse economic conditions have affected some provinces more than others. Those most seriously affected have had to curtail necessary services because of declining revenues. This was the experience of Alberta and other western provinces in the recent depression. In future, if the commission's report is implemented, this will not be necessary since increased adjustment grants will offset and decline in revenues from other sources. In brief, the provinces are assured of stable revenues.

It has long been recognized that there are many inequalities arising out of the unequal distribution of the national income, as between different regions of Canada. The financial plan proposed by the commission is devised to correct this to some extent. It is the view of the commission that "if the view of the commission that 'if the national income is better distributed as income must be better distributed and a greater measure of social and economic security must be provided for those in low income groups."

Another fundamental consideration which the commission kept constantly in mind is the importance of maintaining, and expanding as rapidly as possible the national income. It is the need for a larger national income and a more prosperous Canada which governed the commission in the recommendations it makes for simplifying Canada's financial system, for carrying on economically as possible the great burden of public debt and for eliminating those features of the fiscal system which have a marked tendency to check investment and so to reduce employment.

The taxation proposals of the report arise out of the finding by the commission that the present system of taxation is obsolete, inequitable as between taxpayers and as between provinces, inefficient and a deterrent to expansion of the national income. The report states that the complexity of the present tax system is beyond belief and that existing corporation taxes "have grown up in a completely unplanned and unco-ordinated way, that they violate every canon of sound taxation." The taxation proposals, in the opinion of the commission, are justified on the grounds of sound social and fiscal policy. Furthermore, a scientific system of taxation will assist in expansion of the national income.

Care was taken by the commission to see that its recommendations did not interfere with legitimate provincial autonomy. It disagreed with the views those presentations which argued that the authority of the provinces should be reduced substantially. Rather, it designed its recommendations with a view to preserving provincial autonomy since it recognized that this was necessary in a federal state. In some fields of governmental activity the authority of the provinces will be strengthened and more clearly defined by adoption of the report.

In discussing its recommendations in relation to the maintenance of provincial autonomy, the commission states: "These adjustments will leave untouched the arrangements which during the past 70 years have preserved complete provincial liberty in spheres that are primarily cultural and social." In fact, the commission further points out that this liberty of action will be assured even better than it is today since adoption of the report will give to the provinces stable revenues.

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The song is destined to go down in history as a classic. When the story of this war, the most important, the most far-reaching in its effects and influence on the destiny of the whole world, comes to be written in clear perspective, this song will be woven into the warp and woof of the tale. No history of this war will be complete without some reference to it, because of the profound influence it has had, in having and will have upon the attitude of the Canadian people towards the conflict in which they are now engaged.

When "There'll Always Be An England" first began to seep into the public consciousness it was immediately accepted as epigrammatic of the fine spirit with which the people of Britain are tackling a heroic task. Audiences experienced a glow of admiration for the people of the "little isle" as they took up the refrain with enthusiasm, but, at first, the warmth that it engendered conveyed a note of detachment, the enthusiasm of a spectator witnessing some magnificent achievement, rather than that of a participant.

But this note changed into something deeper and greater as the fight for Britain intensified, as the realization grew in the minds of the people of this country that it is their battle that is being waged in the skies over the little island and in the waters that surround it, that victory is as essential to us as it is to them.

As the conviction grew that the truth behind "There'll Always Be An England" was broad enough to embrace and, in fact, does embrace the sons and daughters of Britain throughout the Empire, the words assumed a new meaning for the people of this country and presently the refrain rolled out with the added grandeur of fervor, the fervor that comes with dedication to a great cause which touches intimately the lives and the very existence of the singers.

All of which indicates that this process of conviction, that this is just as much our war as it is Britain's war, is somewhat slow and it is essential that it be speeded up if the day when victory is to crown our efforts is to be brought to the earliest possible date. The importance of the speediest possible victory can scarcely be over-emphasized. The more protracted it is, the greater will be the waste of lives, resources and treasure and the nearer the approach to exhaustion.

Full Participation

In Great Britain now, an "all out" war is being waged. It is equally important that Canada's participation be on the same scale and effort, in the same degree. In Great Britain it is "tears and blood and toil and sweat." In this country the war effort must likewise be attuned to equality of sacrifice with those over there who are being bombed out of their homes, if we are to do our share in the preservation of our great heritage.

What does that involve? It means nothing for us who at present sleep securely in our beds at night and eat our fill three times a day, unless we are making real sacrifices; unless we are giving or lending every penny that can be spared from absolute necessities to purchase ships and tanks, arms and munitions, food and supplies to back up the greater sacrifices being made by our own sons who have gone forth to battle and our kith and kin on the other side of the Atlantic who are doing and dying for the preservation of our rights, our privileges, our liberties.

If we are not doing all this and more, we are not yet pulling our full weight in the boat. Vigorous strokes of the oar and full sweep are called for on the part of all if victory is to be won as speedily as possible. Even then it may be a long time before we can say "Our task is done and well done." With these in the forefront of the battle we may have to endure tears and blood, toil and sweat for some time to come, but the greater intensity we put into it, the sooner it will be over, the sooner we will be able to set about the business of rehabilitation and the reconstruction of a world fit to live in.

Yes, There'll Always Be An England. We know that. It must be an England whose glories we can always share, whose burdens we have helped to ease to the full extent of our abilities and whose traditions will always be our traditions.

A Real Treat

Have You Tried Making Ice Cream At Home Lately?

If you haven't, you've missed a treat because making ice cream at home can be so simple and economical, during the cold winter months. Get a package of Jell-O Ice Cream powder from your grocer. You are sure to be delighted with the superb ice cream you can make, in a few minutes, by simply adding sugar and rich milk or cream and using your window sill for a freezer. Just think what this means too easily make ice cream for desserts, parties, social and special treats for the kiddies.

And here's a tip for grocers! Stock up now with all five delicious flavours. Your customers will be asking for Jell-O Ice Cream Powder which is being regularly advertised.

Prisoners of war in Europe number 2,500,000 according to an estimate believed conservative.

The world's largest Swiss cheese factory is located at Antigo, Wisc., and not in Switzerland.

GIFT OF SPITFIRE

Gift of a Spitfire fighter plane for the defence of Britain, donated by the management and employees of the Parker Fountain Pen Company, Limited, has been accepted by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, according to a cable received at Toronto. Employees of the firm volunteered to donate a day's work each as their share. This idea of large organizations donating fighter planes is growing, and is very welcome indeed to the Old Country.

A polar bear, says Dr. Roy Chapman Anderson, has partly webbed toes and huge flat feet which serve both as paddles and snowshoes.

Children gain weight more rapidly in autumn and winter than in spring and summer, but gain height faster in spring and summer.

Roman roads built before the birth of Christ now are lighted by electricity.

The earth gets less than a two-billionth part of the energy radiated by the sun.

Rescue Work

Group Of Army And Navy Officers From London Rescue Squad

Bored with inactivity, a group of army and navy officers formed their own air raid rescue squad, went out during the nightly raids and brought to safety many men and women trapped in the basements or shelters. In one case, they led a party which saved three women from a basement.

Two of the squad were in the Royal Engineers and another was a submarine lieutenant home on leave. One was from South Africa, another in the Royal Naval Reserve and the company included two Americans who went to London with the Canadian Active Service Force. They "wangled" a truck and rescue tackle and got to work.

"We started this business partly because life is so dull for us people on leave here and partly for a more serious reason," an engineer officer said. "Our serious reason was that we felt the existing rescue service could usefully be supplemented by other technical knowledge and equipment."

"We wanted to show that if more army equipment were made available there were plenty of people willing, and able to use it for rescue work in their own time. I could guarantee any night to get between 600 and 700 men to work in rescue parties."

"We have been helped by Dominion soldiers. There are hundreds of Canadian, Australian and New Zealand men just aching for a chance to do something."

Their work one night enabled a street to be opened. Bombs had hit a church, burying the verger and his wife in the ruins. They worked four hours removing debris. The party saved the wife but found the verger dead.

One of the volunteer squad was shell-shocked in France and when given leave was told to avoid London because the excitement might be bad. He's wondering what the doctors would say if they knew how he had spent several nights.

Like Canadian Bacon

Bacon From Canada Is Well Received In Britain

Bacon from Canada is pleasing the English palate, but the other half of the inseparable breakfast combination is mighty scarce at the British table, according to housewives arriving in Canada from Britain.

"Eggs are worth their weight in gold," declared one woman. Another said she had not seen an egg for weeks. A third claimed eggs were almost impossible to buy unless one knew a farmer.

Told that Canada had this year shipped more than 10,000,000 dozen eggs to the United Kingdom, against a normal year's export of 1,000,000 dozen, they hazarded a guess that the British Ministry of Food was probably holding the eggs in storage.

But, even lacking the eggs, the Canadian bacon stands ac-hill with the Britons. "It's not like what we had in the last war," said an old soldier. "After 1918 I didn't touch bacon for 10 years."

SELECTED RECIPES

PIRATE BARS

14 Christie's Graham Wafers
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups dates
1/2 cups well beaten
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup chopped nut meats
1 cup brown sugar
Crumble wafers fine and mix with salt and baking powder and add chopped pitted dates and nuts. Beat the eggs and sugar together and combine the two mixtures, mixing thoroughly. Turn into well buttered shallow pan. Bake in moderate oven (400 degrees F.) 20-25 minutes. Cut in bars while warm. Twelve to sixteen bars. Preparation 12 minutes.

CHOP SUEY

2 cups boiling water
3 bouillon cubes
3 tablespoons Soy Sauce
1 pound diced fresh pork
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup mushrooms
1 cup sliced onion
3 cups celery strips
2 tablespoons butter
4 cups Kellogg's Rice Krispies
Pour boiling water over bouillon cubes and Soy Sauce to make stock. Brown meat well in heavy frying pan. Blend in flour; remove from heat and stir in stock slowly. Add mushrooms and mushroom juice, onion and celery. Cover and cook slowly about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Combine melted butter and heated Rice Krispies. Serve hot Chop Suey around a mound of rice Krispies. Yield: Four servings.

A New York physician states that a young child's appetite naturally slumps when growth rate decreases in the second and third year.

The planet Saturn's nine moons do not all move in the same direction.

Depends On Imports

Great Britain Grows Only Ten Per Cent. Of Onions Used

Onions are rapidly disappearing from the shops, or are being sold at such prohibitive prices that cook can no longer afford to purchase her great stand-by. Yet in theory the onion will grow anywhere, though every allotment-holder has his doubts regarding this.

Official figures support the view that onions are not easy to grow. It is estimated that only 10 per cent. of the onions used in Great Britain are home grown, that one per cent. come from various corners of the Empire, and that we rely on foreign producers for the remaining 89 per cent.

The 10 per cent. represents a mere 6,500 tons out of our total annual consumption of approximately 225,000 tons.

Onions apart from potatoes, are the only vegetable considered worthy of separate mention in official returns.

Carrots, cabbages and all other varieties are grouped together under the comprehensive title of "other vegetables." In the course of a year imports of onions are valued at about £2,000,000.

To-day nearly all the old sources of supply of onions are closed. Holland was the main contributor with about 100,000 tons a year. Spain used to supply about half this quantity, but since the Civil War her exports to this country have fallen to 10,000 tons a year.

Italy, Portugal and the Channel Islands formerly made up a large share of our imports, but all these sources have been closed.

Only one real friend remains that is Egypt, which has consistently supplied about one-quarter of our total requirements, or nearly 60,000 tons of onions a year. These are still arriving, though transport difficulties are adding to the price and causing delay in delivery.

Last year we paid the foreigner £2,000,000 for our onions. The money is still available and will be gladly paid to any country which likes to seize the opportunity of capturing a valuable market. London Evening News.

Childish Habit

Easy Solution For Parents To Prevent Thumb Sucking

Parents would do more for their thumb-sucking offspring by seeking a psychological substitute for the habit. That is the belief of Dr. George W. Teuscher, assistant professor of child dentistry at Northwestern University.

In studying 173 children with the habit he found that all but three suffered from deformities of the lips, jaws and teeth, he reports in the Journal of the American Dental Association.

The easiest solution for parents is to prevent formation of the habit, but where thumb-sucking is already being practiced, mechanical contrivances sometimes are effective in checking it.

Dr. Teuscher would prefer, however, that parents study the individual child to determine the best "psychological formula" for correction, even though this approach frequently involves parents' education in child development.

Teach children healthier habits, Dr. Teuscher says, and some 18 per cent. of the mouth deformities in the United States eventually will be eliminated.

U.S. Navy

Germans Form A Large Number Of Enlisted Men

A United States navy department report showed that except for the Philippines, Canada and Guam, Germany furnished more foreign-born enlisted men in the navy than any other country. Italy followed closely behind Germany.

The Philippines led the list of foreign born with 1,878, a decrease of 115 from the previous year. Canada provided 611, an increase of 122; and Guam 507, an increase of 153. Germany's total of 231 was an increase of 48 over the previous year; Italy 218, an increase of 53.

Business Seems Good

Mint At Denver, Colorado, Working At Capacity Making Coins

Having trouble making enough money? So is the Denver mint. Although it is working at capacity—three shifts seven days a week—the mint is behind on treasury orders for the first time since the First Great War. Mint officials attribute the increased demand for coins to Christmas shopping, tax paying, more coin machines in use and generally better business.

Bank Heads, Confident of Victory, See New Problems, New Opportunities Facing Canadians

BANK OF MONTREAL'S 123rd ANNUAL MEETING

Culminating a comprehensive review of the Canadian business scene with an enjoiner to his countrymen to "do everything that in us lies to keep our house in order," Huntly R. Drummond, in his presidential address to Bank of Montreal shareholders at their annual meeting yesterday, declared: "When victory comes—enormous new tasks, new problems and, greatest of all, new opportunities will confront us."

The president said that while Canada was at present on the crest of a wave from a business viewpoint, with employment higher than in any previous period and industrial output on a swiftly rising scale, it must not be forgotten that there will be a aftermath. He declared, therefore, that "it behooves us all while contributing to the utmost in the prosecution of the war, to keep in mind the adjustments which will later become necessary."

War Factor Dominates Business Indices

In reviewing the business situation, the president observed that while a year ago business was just beginning to feel the impact of war conditions, today the usual economic indices no longer gave the true picture of the ebb and flow of business because of the over-riding influence of the mobilization and the progressive utilization of every asset the country possessed for the most intensive prosecution of the war.

Pointing to the fact that through the Price Control Board the Government is zealously seeking to stabilize prices and that the Excess Profits Tax largely eliminates company profits, Mr. Drummond urged that it is equally the duty of the Government to see that wages, which form the major part of the cost of

According to one prediction, automobiles of the future will have body and fenders of plastic with color as an inherent part of the material.

War-stricken areas of Norway have received 400 pre-fabricated timber houses donated by Swedish organizations and are to receive 600 more.

The Danube river is neither beautiful nor blue.

Britain has ruled that couples getting married may have extra rations of tea, sugar, butter, and meat for the wedding reception.

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The Park Lane Mystery

By Edgar Wallace

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CHAPTER XXVII

Mr. Harlow's landed possessions were not limited to his pied-a-terre in Park Lane. He had a large estate in Hampshire, which he seldom visited, though he retained a considerable staff for its upkeep. It was known that he was the proprietor of a "luxurious" flat in Brighton, and it was generally believed that somewhere in London he kept another extensive suite of apartments.

Stratford Harlow was a far-thinker. He saw not only tomorrow, but the day after. For over twenty years he had lived in the knowledge that he was a reprehensible jester, and that there was always a possibility, if not a probability, that his supreme "joke" would be detected.

He was at the mercy of many men, for only the mean thief may work single-handed. He had perforce to employ people who must be taken a little into his confidence. But only one person knew the big truth.

His chauffeur, who knew so much, never dreamt the whole to Ellenbury he had been a crooked market-rigger; to Ingie he had been an admirable enemy of society. To himself, what was he? That "joke" idea persisted; almost the description fitted his every action. When he had locked the grille on Jim he knew that the "joke" was on him. The machinery of the law had begun to move, and there was nothing to be gained by dodging from one hiding place to another. It was a case of flight or nothing.

He went to the foot of the stairs and whistled, and soon after Mrs. Edwins came into view with the tall, bearded man.

"Marling, I am going to take you for a little drive," said Stratford Harlow pleasantly. "You are at once a problem and a straw. You have almost broken my neck and I am grasping at you." He laughed gently. "That's a mixed illustration, eh?"

"Where are you going?" asked Mrs. Edwins.

He fixed her with his cold eyes. "You are very inquisitive and very stupid," he said. "What is worse, you lack self-control, and that has nearly been my undoing. Not that I blame you." A gesture of his white hand absolved her from responsibility. "Telephone to Reiss to bring the car."

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Possibly he will telephone in reply that he is unable to bring the car. You may even hear the strange and authoritative voice of a policeman." Her jaw dropped.

"You don't mean?" she asked quickly.

"Please telephone." He did not look at her; his eyes, lit with a glint of humor, focused upon the uncomfortable man who faced him.

"I hope I've done nothing—," began Marling.

"Nothing at all—nothing," said Mr. Harlow with the greatest heartiness. "I have told you before, and I tell you again, you have nothing to fear from me. You are a victim of circumstances, incapable of a wrong action. I would sooner die than hurt you suffered so much as a butt! Injustice pains me. That variety of justice which is usually called 'poetical' fills me with a deep and abiding peace of soul. Well?" He snapped the question at the woman in the doorway.

"What am I to do with that girl?" he asked.

"Leave her alone," said the big man testily, "and at the earliest opportunity restore her to her friends. Help Mr. Marling on with his coat. It is a cold night. And a wrapper for his throat. . . . Good!"

He peered through the ground-glass window.

"Reiss has brought the car. Trustworthy fellow," he said, and beckoned Marling to him. Together they left the house, and were driven rapidly away. For nearly a quarter of an hour Mrs. Edwins stood in the deserted vestibule, very upright, very forbidding, her gnarled hands folded, a saring at the door through which they had passed.

The car drove through Mayfair, turned into a side street and stopped. It was a corner building, the lower floor occupied by a bank. There was a side door, which Mr. Harlow opened and stood courteously aside to allow his companion to pass. They went up a long flight of stairs to another door, which Harlow unlocked.

"Here we are, my dear fellow," he said, closing the door gently. "This is what is called a labor-saving flat: one of those modern creations designed by expensive architects for the service of wealthy tenants who are so confidently mean that they weigh out their servants' food! Here we shall live in comparative quiet for a week or two."

"What has happened?" asked Marling.

The big man shrugged his shoulders.

"I do not know—I rather imagine that I recognize the inevitable, but I am not quite sure. Your room is here, at the back of the house. Do you mind?"

Marling saw that it was a more luxurious apartment than that which he had left. Books there were in plenty. The only drawback was that the windows were covered with a thin coating of white paint which made them opaque.

"I prepared this place for you two—nay, three—years ago," said Harlow. "For a week or two, until we can make arrangements. I am afraid we shall have to do our own housework."

He patted the other on the shoulder.

"You're a good fellow," he said. "There are times when I would like to change places with you. Vivit pot funera virtus! I, alas, have no virtues, but a consuming desire to make wheels turn."

He pursed his thick lips and then said, apropos of nothing:

"She is really a very nice girl indeed!" . . . And she has a sense of humor. How rare a quality in a woman!"

"Of whom are you talking?" asked the bearded man, a little bewildered.

"The night-have-been," was the flippant reply. "Even the wicked cannot be denied their dreams. Would you call me a sentimentalist, Marling?"

Marling shook his head, and Mr. Harlow laughed, not unkindly.

"You're the most appealingly honest man I've ever met," he said, in admiration; "and I think you're the only human being in the world for whom I have a genuine affection."

His companion stared at him with wide-open eyes. And Mr. Harlow met the gaze without faltering. He was speaking the truth. His one nightmare in the last twenty years was that this simple soul should fall ill; for if that catastrophe had occurred, Stratford Harlow would have risked ruin and suffering to win him back to health. Marling was the only joke in life that he took seriously.

Every morning for three years, two newspapers had been thrust under the door of Harlow's flat and

had been disposed of by the hired servant who came to keep the place in order. Every morning a large bottle of milk had been deposited on the mat and had been similarly cleared away by the servant, who would come no more, for she had received a letter dismissing with her services on the morning Harlow and his companion arrived. The letter was not signed "Stratford Harlow," but bore the name by which she knew her employer.

The first day was a dull one. Harlow had nothing to do and inactively exasperated him. He was down early the next morning to take in milk and newspapers, and for a long time sat at his ease, a thin cigar between his teeth, a cup of cooling coffee by his side, reading of his disappearance. The ports were watched; detectives were on duty at the termini of all airways. The flying squad was scouring London. The phrase seemed familiar. The flying squad from police headquarters spend their lives scouring London, and London seems none the cleaner for it.

There was his portrait across three columns, headed "The Splendid Harlow," and only hinting at the charge which would be laid against him. He learned, without regret or sorrow, of the arrest of Mrs. Edwins—he had a lifelong grudge against Mrs. Edwins, who had a life-long grudge against him. She was wholly incapable of understanding his attitude toward life. She had wondered why he did not live abroad in the most luxurious and exotic atmosphere. She would have excused a seraglio; she could not forgive his industry and continence.

She had made no statement, the newspapers said, and he suspected her of making many of a vituperative character. There was a hint of Marling in the paragraph:

"The police are particularly desirous of getting into touch with the man who left the Park Lane house at the same time as Harlow. He is described as tall, rather pale, with a long yellow beard. None of the servants of the house has ever seen him. It may be explained that Mr. Harlow's domestic arrangements were of an unusual character, and the servants slept out in a house which Harlow had hired."

Mr. Harlow turned over the page to see the sporting cartoon. The humor of Tom Webster never failed to tickle him. Then he turned back to the Stock Exchange news. Markets were recovering rapidly. He made a calculation on the margin of the paper and purred at his profits. He could feel a glow of satisfaction though he was a fugitive from justice; though all sorts of horrid possibilities were looming before him, though it seemed nothing could prevent his going the dreary way—Brixton Prison, Pentonville, Wormwood Scrubs, Dartmoor . . . if not worse. If not worse.

He took out his cigar and looked at it complacently. Mrs. Gibbins had died a natural death, though that would take some proving. It was a most amazing simple accident. Her muddy boots had slipped on the polished floor of his library, and when he had picked her up she was dead. That was the truth and nothing but the truth. And Miss Mercy Harlow had died naturally, and the little green bottle that Marling had seen had contained nothing more noxious than the restorative with which the doctor had entrusted him against the heart attack from which she succumbed.

He rose and stretched himself, drank the cold coffee with a wry face, and shuffled along leisurely in his slippers feet to call Mr. Marling. He knocked at the door, but there was no answer. Turning the handle, he went in.

The room was empty. So, too, was the bathroom.

(To Be Continued)

Tribute To Churchill

No One Ever Doubts Truth of Everything He Says

In 1927 Knut Hager, a Swede, in an appraisal of Churchill, stated: "He is incapable of telling a lie, small or great." His addresses as Prime Minister since last May have confirmed to the hilt this opinion. No public man in responsible office has been so capable of telling the stark ghastly truth till it hurts as he. He is believed everywhere on every statement. Except in their threats to do violence the dictators are believed nowhere. They are the modern adepts in the cult of lying.

It would be tragic if people had to wait as long for the doctor to come to see him as he has to wait for his money to come.

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Patriotic Volunteers Report All Enemy Planes Directly They Are Seen

The London correspondent of the Ottawa Journal, says: If you talk with any of our young R.A.F. Aces, they will tell you what splendid work is being done day in, night out, by a devoted body of patriotic volunteers. These are the "spotters," located at vital and suitable spots all over this country, whose task is to report all enemy planes directly they are seen.

There are thousands of these keen-eyed experts in all, all the equivalent of two full army divisions—and they are an amazingly efficient and varied company, schoolmasters, gamekeepers—perhaps even a poacher or two, keen-eyed and alert—ex-Navy and ex-Army men past active service, parsons, hunting folks, navvies, farm laborers, a few journalists, and so on.

These spotters work as a rule in couples, and aided by powerful field-glasses, keep watch and ward day and night, month after month. It is intensive and testing work, involving constant strain and being out in all weathers. Probably nowhere else in this country could such a body of free-will enthusiasts be found, willing and capable, to perform such self-offering service. They are heartened by the knowledge that they are rendering real service to their country and fellow countrymen.

Newspaper Advertising

Is Most Valuable Because People Remember What They See

Professor Orin D. Madison of Wayne University, speaking of the important role science is playing in the regulation of human affairs made an important statement with respect to the press of the country. Newspapers, he said, are going to play an increasingly important part in the dissemination of information.

Then he added a most significant statement when he said that we get 80 per cent. of our information through our eyes; and that experts are realizing every day, that newspaper advertising is most effective in that it catches an individual in a more relaxed and receptive mood.

There is no dearth of opinion and statistics to prove the worth of newspaper advertising, and the value after Nazi bombers had machine-gunned a football match between men of the Army and the Navy. Among the casualties was a sailor. His arm was amputated in the underground dressing station, and although no anaesthetic was used the sailor never uttered a word. After the operation he was shown by a surgeon to a bunk. "Not likely," he muttered. "I don't lie down for Hitler."

The Spirit That Endures

No Doubt About Feeling British Sailor Had For Nazis

A writer in the London Daily Sketch tells of a scene a colleague witnessed in South England after Nazi bombers had machine-gunned a football match between men of the Army and the Navy. Among the casualties was a sailor. His arm was amputated in the underground dressing station, and although no anaesthetic was used the sailor never uttered a word. After the operation he was shown by a surgeon to a bunk. "Not likely," he muttered. "I don't lie down for Hitler."

Bulgaria has produced about 4,800,000 pounds of silk cocoons this year, more than twice the 1935 production.

When they start building the galleons over in Europe, there should be a special one marked "For Pierre Laval."

Bravery Personified

U.S. Marine Officer Comments On The Jervis Bay Encounter

An officer of the United States Marine Corps lifted himself half out of his chair and fairly barked the words at those who sat around him: "What do I think?" he cried. "You can't think—about such a fight as the Jervis Bay put up. You're just swallowed up with emotion and pride, mister, that there are still men among us who put duty above their own hides. It makes me sweat and tremble!"—and he pounded his fist on the arm of his chair—"to think of that action. It was as fine a thing as I've heard of in 30 years of soldiering anywhere in the world. . . .

"God! And some people still talk as if Britain might lose the war! Lose the war—with men like that to fight with? There's as much chance of Britain losing the war as I have of spitting in Hitler's eye from this distance. They've got men, mister—men who know how to fight and have the stuff to fight with. . . . I can't put into words what I want to say. Just picture it—the Platte, Dunkirk, the Altmarch, Taranto, the Jervis Bay—man, oh man!—there, I say, is a nation! I'm proud to talk the same language. . . . L. S. B. Shapiro, writing from Washington to the Montreal Gazette.

National War Effort

Huntly Drummond, President Of Bank Of Montreal, Sees Need For Economy

While lauding the Government for following a policy of "pay as you go" as far as was considered possible, Huntly Drummond, in speaking to shareholders at the 123rd annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal, declared that the gap between revenue from taxation and war-time expenditure was tremendous.

"So far as estimates are at present applicable to our expanding programme of production," the speaker observed, "it appears that the Dominion Government will spend close to \$1,000,000,000 for war purposes alone during the current fiscal year. To this figure must be added non-war expenditures of \$445,000,000, as provided for in the Budget. This formidable total, which is nearly three times the normal peace-time expenditure, will almost certainly be enlarged next year by additional heavy war appropriations."

"The magnitude of prospective expenditure imposes unavoidable obligations on the Government and on private citizens if we are to continue to avoid inflationary pressures. All expenditures which do not contribute to the national war effort must be cut to the lowest possible limit and this duty applies equally to all public bodies in every field of administration."

He went on to cutting personal expenses and will do so willingly as long as they can see that it will help to win the war. They have the right to demand, and they do demand, that Governments in Canada—Federal, Provincial and Municipal—shall also cut their expenditures to the bone so that we may conserve all our resources—none too great—for the one object of winning the war."

GEMS OF THOUGHT

SELF-IMPROVEMENT

Judge of the improvement, not by what thou speakest or writest, but by the firmness of thy mind, and the government of thy passions and affections.—Fuller.

Infinite toil would not enable you to sweep away a mist; but by ascending a little you may often look over it altogether. So it is with our moral improvement; we wrestle fiercely with a vicious habit, which would have no hold upon us if we ascended into a higher moral atmosphere.—Sir Arthur Helps.

To remove those objects of sense called sickness and disease, we must appeal to mind to improve its subjects and objects of thought, and give to the body those better delineations.—Mary Baker Eddy.

The mind unlearns with difficulty what has long been impressed on it.—Seneca.

Use your gifts faithfully, and they shall be enlarged; practice what you know, and you shall attain to higher knowledge.

Finally, education alone can conduct us to that enjoyment which is, at once, best in quality and infinite in quantity.—Horace Mann.

Was Custodian Of Abbey

The death of Sir Edward Knapp-Fisher, 76, who as custodian of Westminster Abbey played an important part in preparing for the coronation of King George VI, was announced at London.

European migratory birds spend their winters in Africa, with a few of them sojourning in southern Europe. 2390



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"Kiss Two Whoppers" Breaks Ice

There's no stopping your party now! "Kiss Two Whoppers" mixes the crowd—and hilarity rules for the evening.

For this gay ice-breaker, write on large pieces of cardboard all sorts of crazy high jinks—"Kiss Two Whoppers," "Do an Apache Dance," "Sing Dust in Opera Style." Then cut pieces in two, jigsaw fashion, and separate halves, making one pile for the girls to choose from, another pile for the boys.

On arriving, each guest draws a half-card, then searches for the one who holds the other half. When jigsaw are all matched, up to each couple to perform the stunt its cards orders. Much laughter when any Joan kisses two blond Apolons or when "possy" John goes wacky Apache!

Another lively game is "Shooting Proverbs." One guest as if leaves the room; the others pick a proverb, perhaps "Rolling Stones Gather No Moss." Aliket one word to each group of players, and separate halves, making one pile for the girls to choose from, another pile for the boys.

Send 15 cents in coins for your copy of "Party Games For All Occasions" to Home Service Dept., Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermott Ave. E., Winnipeg, Man.

The following booklets are also available at 15c each:

- 147—"How to Budget and Buy for Better Living"
- 108—"Making Plants and Flowers Grow Indoors"
- 141—"Self-Instruction in Skiing and Other Winter Sports"
- 145—"Overcoming Nervous and Every-Day Health Problems"
- 139—"Secrets of Good Conversation"
- 185—"Self-Instruction in Short-hand"

Red Cross Campaign

Saskatchewan Exceeds Quota Of \$200,000 By 25 Per Cent.

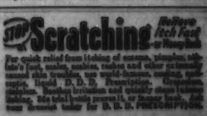
Subscriptions in the Saskatchewan Red Cross campaign have exceeded the quota of \$200,000 to date by 25 per cent. W. F. Marshall, provincial commissioner, announced recently.

"We expected to do it," Mr. Marshall commented, "but the end is not yet. The direct appeal for funds is over, but our loyal branches will continue to raise money."

Sum of \$100,000 of the \$250,000 collected so far in the campaign has been forwarded to the national office for overseas commitments. Since the beginning of the war a total of \$265,000, exclusive of the special ambulance fund and relief sent Poland and Holland, has been sent out of the province for overseas commitments, Mr. Marshall said.

Household Hint

When making ice cream at home, whip the cream only until it holds its shape. If whipped too much, the texture of the ice cream will be lumpy, not fine and smooth as desired.



THE VALUE OF PLANTING TREES

By Hon. N. E. Tanner,
Minister of Lands and Mines

The systematic planting of trees in the province of Alberta is a most important and most necessary form of endeavour.

Apart from the question of beautification, always a prominent one in the improvement of private or public lands, such activity is of great value to farmer and market gardener as a result of protection given from adverse winds.

The forestry division of the department of lands and mines has for many years now made an annual distribution of transplants to residents of rural areas, with a view to creating improvements from time to time in the general establishment of windbreaks and shelter belts over a provincial wide area.

Trees, free of all charge save the express charge covering shipment, are again to be given by the forest service to farmers in the province for the following purposes:

1. For planting within natural poplar or willow bluffs.
2. For replacements in established windbreaks or shelter belts.
3. For additions to established windbreaks or shelter belts where the trees to be planted are set out close enough to the old plantation that they receive protection against wind and in the case of conifers, against the sun, by the established trees.

Applications for rural schools and cemeteries will be given consideration.

Trees are not available for beautification only, nor for the establishment of new windbreaks or shelter belts. persons requiring trees for the former purpose should secure them from commercial nurseries, and the latter apply to the dominion department of agriculture, tree planting division, Indian Head, Saskatchewan.

Trees available for distribution in the spring of 1941 include the following:

White spruce, lodgepole pine, green ash, red oak, bur oak, red pine, Siberian larch (not more than 5 to each applicant), Scotch pine (not more than 5 to each applicant), American elm (not more than 10 to each applicant).

In addition to the above, cuttings of laurel leaf willow, golden willow and northwest poplar will be available.

The coupon system under which farmers obtained fuel oil at rebate prices has been discontinued, and commencing January 1 a new method of coloring fuel oil went into effect. Announcing the change, Hon. E. C. Manning said the new system would do away with the cumbersome coupon system and would permit bona fide users of fuel oil to obtain supplies on payment of the one cent tax, less the rebate from ordinary retail prices.

SEABLE MOISTURE REPORT

Compiled From Over 600
Precipitation Recording Stations

The precipitation which occurred during the recent months of August, September and October, weighted for wheat acreage, was 82 per cent of the normal or long-time average in Alberta, 77 per cent in Saskatchewan, and 115 per cent in Manitoba.

Combining the three prairie provinces, and again weighting for wheat acreage the percentage of the normal this year is 83, as compared with 62 last year and 106 for the year before that.

An examination of the figures for each crop district, reveals that there is a large area in central Saskatchewan with Outlook as the centre, and another large area northwest and southeast of Edmonton, where the precipitation has been considerably less than normal.

This all means that the crop to be seeded next spring will start under a handicap, and in the particular areas mentioned in Saskatchewan and Alberta under a severe handicap.

Investigations that have been made show that the precipitation which occurs during the months of August, September and October, or immediately following the harvest, and until the ground freezes, has a decided influence on the yield of the forthcoming crop, for this fall precipitation is held fast in the soil and is available to be used by the next crop.

Occasionally better than normal rains in the following summer can make up for a lack of fall moisture. This, however, does not always occur, for the records reveal that during the past 41 years there have been 14 years with decidedly less than normal precipitation, and that in 9 of these 14 years the succeeding crop was less than normal. It is observed therefore, that the odds are in favour of a less than normal or average yield to the acre this coming year.

TOUGH AND DAMP WHEAT

The following instructions are contained in a release which has recently come from the Canadian Wheat Board:

"For the past month arrangements have been in effect for the delivery and shipment of tough and damp wheat. Several circulars have been issued on this subject and direct appeals made to farmers to deliver such wheat so that it may be safely stored. Despite these efforts tough and damp wheat is not coming forward in proportion to the amount on farms.

"Due to heavy shipments out of the terminals before the close of navigation, there is space at Fort William-Port Arthur to handle this wheat but space cannot be kept for such wheat, when farmers with dry wheat are pressing to deliver. There may be no opportunity to move this wheat during the winter months.

"The Board, therefore, will cease granting special delivery permits for tough and damp wheat on December 27th, 1940, and will not allocate cars specially to the movement of this wheat after January 4th, 1941. You are requested to advise your customers of this and again ask them to co-operate in the moving of this wheat."

Although some farmers may be retaining tough and damp wheat for feed, those who plan to dispose of this grain should act at once.

GOVERNMENT CANCER CLINIC OPENS JANUARY 14th

Alberta's first free cancer clinic will open in the Provincial Building, in Edmonton January 14, it is announced by Hon. Dr. W. W. Cross, minister of health. The clinic will be under the direction of Dr. George H. Malcolmson, recently appointed director of cancer services for the province.

First step in the five-year program intended to provide complete diagnostic, medical and hospitalization facilities for cancer sufferers, opening of this diagnostic clinic will be followed by the opening of another at Calgary.

Dr. Malcolmson, considered Alberta's foremost radiologist, will specialize in that branch of work, bringing his 28 years of experience at Royal Alexandra hospital to the service of the people. He will be assisted by Dr. John Macgregor, pathologist, Dr. W. C. Whitehouse, surgeon, and Dr. Edward F. Donald, physician.

Declaring that "Nearly 80 per cent of cancer cases are doomed before we can see them," Dr. Malcolmson said one of the main purposes of the clinic is to reach cancer cases in the early stages when cure is possible. Following diagnosis, deep therapy treatment by X-ray will be carried out. This, in recent months, has been found the most effective treatment yet discovered by medical science.

The clinic will open on a one day weekly basis for a start. It is estimated that 160 to 170 new cancer cases are reported yearly in Alberta, while deaths from the disease number about 600 annually.

Under the provincial program it is hoped to bring diagnosis and treatment on a state medical economy.

CANADIAN OPINIONS OF THE WEEK

"We have spiritual boundaries to defend in Canada." — Mrs. Madge Macheth.

"The presence of veterans in Canada's forces is a great stiffener." — Hon. J. L. Ralston.

"The war has made it doubly necessary to put Canada's house in order." — K. M. Fowler, K.C.

"Aim of governments after this war must be for social justice." — Miss Louise Haskins.

"The war has greatly altered the direction and emphasis of Canadian business." — A. E. Arscott.

"Canada would be welcomed in the Pan-American union." — Professor Percy Corbett.

"We are trying to spread out and teach too much, teaching a smattering of only everything." — Bruce Barton.

"The war will be won not only by equipment but by wise strategy and good tactics, not only by the courage of the men who risk their lives but by the will and determination of the whole nation behind the front lines." — Dr. H. Cody.

"There has never been a time when the goodwill of the United States newspapers has done more for us in Canada." — S. Leo Dolan.

VIKING ITEMS

M. Stackhouse spent the holidays at his home at Penitence, B.C.

The A.T.A. will meet at the Viking school at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11th.

Miss Bernice Kjelland spent a happy New Year holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Loades in Edmonton.

The winning ticket drawn on the lamp raffish at Mr. Graham's store was No. 706, held by M. Finn.

Mrs. Froick, of Edmonton was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Chivwell during the holiday week-end.

Hafsa Bros. of the Viking Electric are sponsoring a moving picture display of Massey-Harris farm implements and tractors in the Elks hall on Friday afternoon, January 17th.

Carl Noren arrived home from Trenton, Ont., on January 1st, where he had been taking a course in cooking during the past month in the R.C.A.F. He left on Friday for MacLeod where he will be attached to the R.C.A.F. air training depot as cook.

As has been her custom of several years past, Miss M. E. Richardson has given a gift to the first baby born at the Viking hospital on or after the New Year. This year the lucky baby was little June Beverly born to Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Hansen, born on January 1st, 1941.

A motor accident occurred about four miles west of Wainwright on December 31st in the evening when a car driven by Mrs. Carl Noren collided with a Mr. King's car from the Irma district. Some damage was done to the cars and the occupants were shaken up and sustained bruises and cuts. In the car with Mrs. Noren were Mrs. Dorothy Pilon of Vermilion, Mrs. Rashbrook and Mr. Ed. Noren, brother-in-law of Mrs. C. Noren.

Word has been received of the arrival in Brandon of Howard Armstrong, formerly of Viking, but for the past two years resident in Edmonton. Howard enlisted in the R.C.A.F. some time ago. Before leaving the city, members of the firm with which he was associated, the Bruce Robinson Electric, presented him with a very suitable memento as a token of their esteem, at the same time extending wishes for the best of luck in his new field of activities.

CHURCH NOTICES AND ACTIVITIES

UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, January 12th
Irma—Sunday school 11 a.m.
Public worship 7:30 p.m.
Roseberry—Public worship at 8 p.m., weather permitting.
A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

FULL GOSPEL SERVICES

Sunday Services
Ross—1:30 p.m.
Roseberry—4 p.m.
Irma—7:30 p.m. (R. Fuder home).
A cordial welcome to all.

HOLIDAY at the PACIFIC COAST

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C.N.R. PASSENGER CHANGES



Completing close to half a century of railroad service, Robert Creelman, Passenger Traffic Manager, Canadian National Railways (centre), retired December 18. Mr. Creelman started as a clerk in 1891, and became one of the best known passenger officials on the continent. He will be succeeded by Osborne Scott (right), formerly General Passenger Agent. Mr. Scott will be succeeded by Walter Dobbs (left), formerly special passenger representative, Montreal. Mr. Scott is a Winnipegger with a very intimate knowledge of Western Canada. Mr. Dobbs was previously located in both Winnipeg and Vancouver.

LOCALS

Mr. Sid Bouck of Carstairs, Alta. has visited the Peterson families at Irma and other relatives at Heath, Alta., since Dec. 28.

The Hardisty Sr. Hockey team will play the Irma team in Irma on Jan. 15th at 8:15 p.m. Let's all go.

The collectors for the Albert appointment wish to acknowledge with thanks the contributions received for the British and Foreign Bible Society. The sum of \$18.25 was raised and sent in, in time to be in the amount raised for 1940.

A dance will be held in the Crescent Hill school, Friday evening, Jan. 17, proceeds for the Red Cross.

The next meeting of the Irma W.M.S. will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16, at the home of Mrs. Osterhout. All the ladies of the congregation are cordially invited.

Mr. J. B. Gulbraa visited at the home of his daughter Sophia at Manitow, Man., over Christmas and New Year's. Mr. Gulbraa also stopped in Winnipeg a few days, arriving home on Jan. 7th.

Jimmie be careful.

All the ladies who can thread a needle are cordially invited to attend the Red Cross quilting and sewing bee at the home on Jan. 14. The society sincerely appreciates the support given them in the past and hope for a continuance of your help during this new year.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Allen on January 4th, 1941, a daughter.

Owing to drifted roads the Chauvin hockey team failed to get here on Jan. 3rd for a return game. This game will be arranged later on.

Jimmie be careful.

The annual meeting of the Loyal Social Credit group will be held at the home of Mr. A. E. Knudson on Tuesday, January 14, at 8 p.m. A full attendance is requested.

Mr. E. T. Dahl of the Irma Garage is back on the job after visiting at Chauvin during the holiday season.

Miss Irma Tweedie of Sedgewick visited friends in Irma during the holidays.

The Irma branch of the Canadian Red Cross is making plans for an ice carnival. The date and other particulars will be announced later.

Jimmie be careful.

Stop! Look! and Listen! A quilting and sewing bee for Red Cross work will be held at the manse on Tuesday, January 14, as soon after noon as possible. Everybody welcome.

Although we have not experienced any great changes in our weather for some time there is a lot of sickness around, mostly bad colds but in some cases the flu.

Miss Clara Enger has recovered from the measles and is out again.

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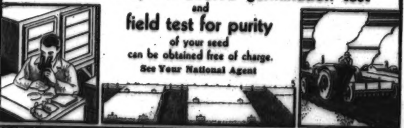
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